

LIVE Streaming Cameras

Save Time and Gas Utilizing High Tech 'Surf Check' in San Diego

Seems like cameras are going up everywhere from MMA gyms to major surf breaks and everywhere in between. If you have been around the 'www' long enough, most will remember the webcam craze of the late 90's. Where live cams were either a grainy image of a bird nest in someone's backyard or worse yet, a shirtless character in front of his computer.

The good news is much has changed in the past 10 years with live "network based" cameras. It is now common to see cameras with full user controls in real time in High Definition 720p resolution with full screen, full frame rate. The days of compromised slow and choppy live video is now behind the new generation of content hungry web users.

With increased popularity some of these "newer" live streaming cameras are becoming a daily must see by surfers, skiers, would-be tourists and just about anybody looking to save some travel time by being able to check things out remotely.

HD RELAY supplied the "birds eye view" of the first RSSS event at Crystal Pier on June 12. Be sure to log onto www.revoltinstyle.com and check the new Ocean Beach Cam for the second RSSS event on July 17.



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First let's review how these cameras work so we can understand more about where this technology is going.

Many of the popular social cameras use a simple USB webcam attached to a desktop computer these systems are designed for indoor studios and other venues. The bigger more advanced live camera networks are found mostly outdoors and tend to be more permanent.

Setting up one of these requires fast upload connections to the Internet and usually a hosting service capable of handling 100's of thousands of visitors to the camera (see www.hdrelay.com). These live cameras can be very advanced or rather simple but for the professional business owner most opt for to have pan, tilt and very powerful zoom optical capabilities.

Here some of the new, eco friendly, gas saving, sponsored live cameras right here in our back yard.

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- www.sundiego.com/static/surfcam_missionbeach.php
- www.revoltinstyle.com/
- www.hansensurf.com/community/Live-Cams.html
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